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REMARKS

Claims 14, 16-20, 57-58, 60, 65 and 78-81, 83-85 and 87-92 are pending, of which Claims 14, 57, 91 and 92 are independent. Claims 91 and 92 have been withdrawn from consideration. Claims 14, 16-20, 57-58, 60, 65, 78-81, 85 and 89-90 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Polnerow et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,813,006). Claims 82-84, and 86-88 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowability of these claims.

Claim Amendments

To expedite allowance, independent Claims 14 and 57 are amended to include inventive limitations set forth in the allowed dependent Claims 82 and 86, respectively, including the limitations of any intervening claims. Thus, Claims 82 and 86 are canceled by the present amendment. In addition, Claims 14, 57 and 89 are amended to provide proper antecedent basis and to claim the invention more distinctly. Claims 83, 84, 87, and 88 are amended to correct their dependency. Acceptance and allowance are respectfully requested.

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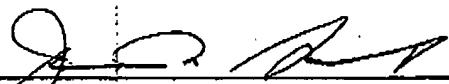
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CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that Claims 14, 16-20, 57-58, 60, 65 and 78-81, 83-85 and 87-92 are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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